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Like an Olympian

While Becky Scott competed in the Turin Olympics, Haliburton Nordic Ski Club member Regena Sinclair gives it a final push the last few hundred metres at the COSSA races held at Glebe Park last Tuesday. She came in fifth in the junior girls. Race results are on page 17.

MP puts faith in Harper's judgement

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

If the new Conservative government implements policies that Canadians like, the controversy over Prime Minister Stephen Harper's first cabinet picks will not be an important issue in the next election, says

the riding's Conservative MP.

But, Barry Devolin says, if the government makes any missteps, Canadians' memories will be long.

"If things go well and we impose changes that people want, people will accept that the Prime Minister made some changes the people didn't like,"

he said from his home in Haliburton. "I don't see [the controversy] continuing unless something else happens..."

"We said we'd operate at a higher standard and we're being measured against that."

And what does Devolin think of his leader's decision to

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County wipes hands of debt with \$300,000 HHHS donation

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County council has agreed to a one-time payment of \$300,000 to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's capital loan, thereby divesting itself of any responsibility for the interest payments and pushing the hospitals closer to being debt-free.

"I think [HHHS] is probably one of the most important parts of Haliburton County's infrastructure," says Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner. "We were lucky to have these new health facilities, so you've got to try to keep those buildings as current as you can. Unfortunately, most of the foundation's campaign

right now is just going to pay off the debt."

The donation reduces the capital loan to about \$500,000 and lets the county wash its hands of any liability for the loan.

HHHS is eager to get rid of the debt so that the foundation can turn its efforts toward much-needed capital expenditures, particularly those related to building its communications highway. The hospitals, for example, need to increase bandwidth capabilities in order to improve diagnostic imagery. They also need to replace or upgrade x-ray equipment, which is not yet digital ready. Such purchases are of utmost importance if the county's health services don't want to get left by the wayside.

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County budget up 25%; council may borrow funds

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

It was with a giant sigh that Haliburton County councillors officially passed their budget for 2006.

Pushed into a corner after years of provincial downloading, the cracks are beginning to show in a county that is running out of financial resources to meet the needs of its residents. The \$10.7 million net budget is an astounding 25 per cent larger than the previous year.

"It's probably one of the most challenging budgets I've seen in all the years I've been

involved," said Warden Murray Fearrey.

The budget is a \$2.6 million increase over last year's, a gap that will likely be bridged through a combination of bank loans and tax increases. Exactly how that will unfold is yet to be determined; council wants to wait for the province to reveal its own budget to see if any additional funding will filter down to municipalities.

In the past few years, county budgets have reflected the growing chasm between provincial funding and the cost of municipal services. One of the better examples of this is

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Library expansion might move ballpark

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from the February 13 meeting of Dysart et al council.

Council is investigating the possibility of expanding the library, which is severely undersized compared to its circulation numbers, as well as the area surrounding it.

Reeve Murray Fearrey wants to look into an overall plan for the area that might include relocating the baseball diamond to the fish hatchery on County Road 1. The existing baseball diamond would be used for a parking lot for nearby facilities as well as to accommodate the larger library.

Fearrey also talked about designing the whole area as a recreation area and possibly moving the skateboard park currently near Head Lake to the arena/library grounds.

Councillor Al Ferguson agreed and thought "it would be nice to have a consolidated recreation area."

Community Care

Council immediately approved a \$5,000 donation for Community Care-Haliburton County.

Donna MacDonald, executive director of Community Care, made a brief presentation to council to request the funding, but it was clear her organization was already in council's favour long before she even said a word.

"This is one of the few organizations we commit to before the budget because we strongly believe in it," said Fearrey.

Community Care, which provides assistance for seniors and disabled people throughout the county, estimates it contributes over \$79,000 worth of service to Dysart et al alone. In this municipality, it has 71 volunteers who care for 460 clients.

MacDonald said Community Care is good for all taxpayers because it lessens the pressure on hospitals and long-term care facilities. "It's about keeping people healthy and working to improve their quality of life," she told council.

This year's donation matches what the municipality gave last year.

Haliburton Medical Centre

Council acknowledged the written responses from Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands regarding Dysart's request for a donation toward the Haliburton Medical Centre.

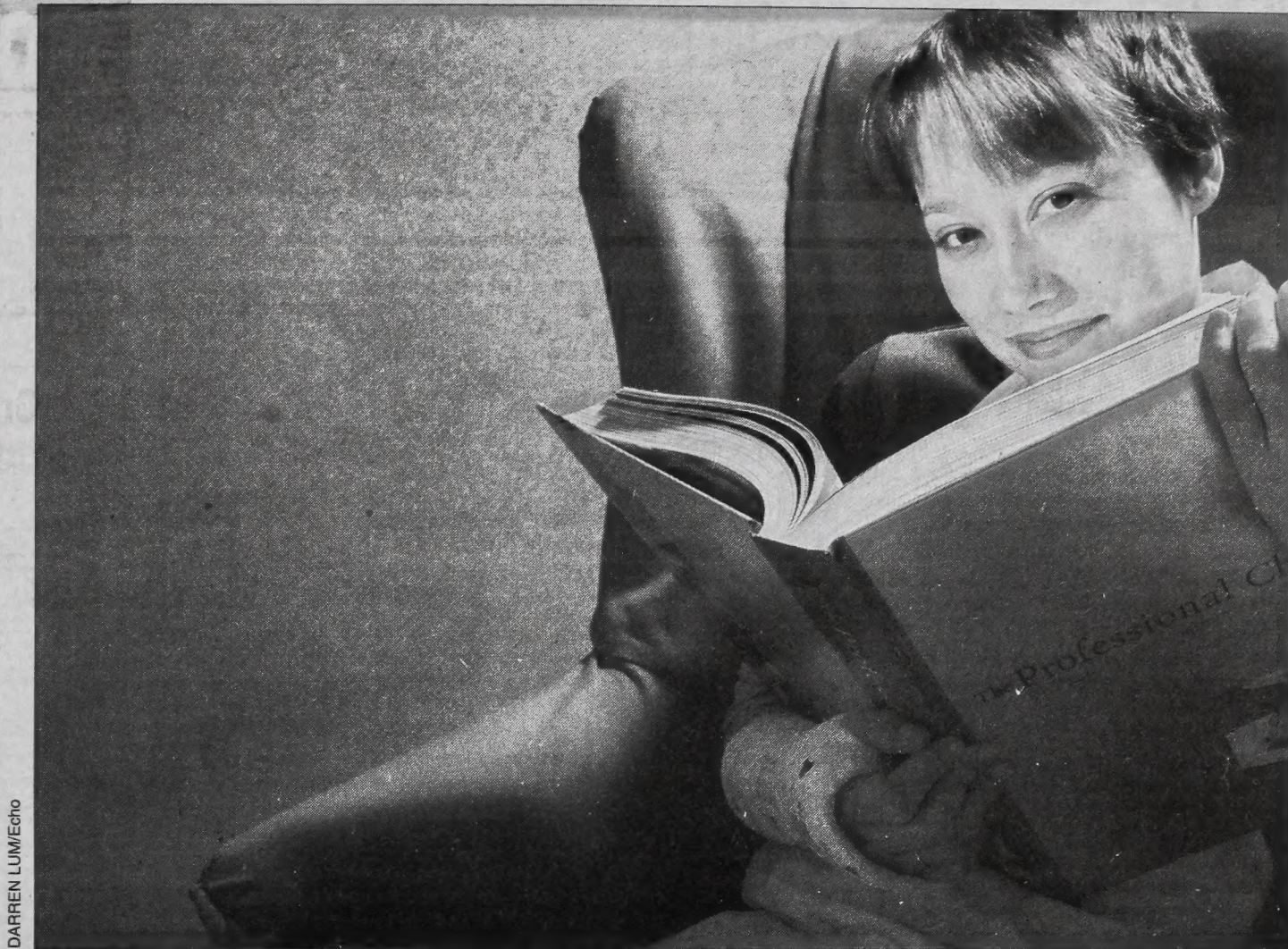
Algonquin Highlands has indicated it will likely make a donation toward the \$2.5 million facility and has deferred the matter to their upcoming budget.

Minden Hills wrote that it "respectfully declined" contributing toward the medical centre's capital costs.

Highlands East has also been asked for a donation.

Dysart councillors have made it know that they feel the entire county will benefit from the centre and should therefore consider financially supporting it.

Fearrey refrained from any comment other than: "We'll just carry on with it."



Becky Coysh is cracking open the books - cook books, that is, as part of her preparation for the culinary arts portion of the Eastern Ontario Skills Competition to be held Monday at the high school. A life-long cook who loves food, she also learns from watching her mother and grandmother cook.

Teenager will whip up something special for culinary competition

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

When you possess the combined wisdom of your mother and grandmother, confidence is not in short supply.

For one young aspiring chef, who has been learning her craft for the last 14 years, competing in the Culinary Arts component of the East Central Ontario Regional Skills Competition is something to be favoured.

Becky Coysh beams with a spirit for the kitchen and a taste for experimentation.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student is bringing more than hope to the culinary competition that will be hosted by the local school on Monday, Feb. 27. She's bringing passion, says her Hospitality and Tourism course teacher, Melissa Stephens.

With a dash of determination and a teaspoon of sugar, Becky is a culinary prodigy. Her soft-spoken voice belies her sense of adventure and spice for life - when she's not restrained by a cast on her right hand suffered from a snow-

boarding lesson.

"Food is my life," she said. "What you cook shows how you are and you can totally change someone's mood depending on what you give them ... Food can change anything."

She is anxious to compete and show that she is a capable chef with the chops to become a professional.

Stephens can't think of a better candidate to represent the school.

This event will encourage the 140 students who are enrolled in the hospitality and tourism course throughout the region.

"It really tests their skills," she said. "It opens their eyes to what they can do."

This is the second competition of its kind held in Ontario. Organizers have shifted the event's location around the province to include Haliburton.

Other categories include Team Carpentry and Individual Carpentry, Graphic Design, Welding, and Auto Technologies.

Three judges, including a head judge, will critique each competitor based on a 100 per cent total. Participants will be judged on taste, presentation, and preparation skills.

Becky must complete a two-course meal with specific list of ingredients and amounts. The menu includes a salad and a roast chicken breast supreme with roux-based mushroom sauce, Duchesse potatoes, and two different vegetables chosen from the Common Foods Table.

Becky has been preparing by making these dishes at school with Stephens and her mother. In addition to the cooking portion exam she will be judged on safety, sanitation, economy, timing, preparation skills, presentation, taste, adherence to requested menu items and a job interview (complete with resume), including a list of questions. A human resources manager from the industry will conduct the interview.

There's a \$1,000-value prize for first, \$500 for second and \$250 for third while every participant will receive a "grab bag".

In the future Becky hopes to apprentice in Italy and wants to open a restaurant called the Rotten Potato - taken from the popular nursery rhyme Rub-a-Dub-Dub (three men in a tub...) that she uses to put herself at ease during times of stress.

Winter Carnival chases away February blues

Fight those February blues at the Haliburton Winter Carnival this weekend, February 24 and 25.

On Friday night at dusk come by snowmobile or car to the caboose at Head Lake Park for hot dogs and hot chocolate by the bonfire.

Start Saturday off with a full stomach by enjoying the Lions Club's pancake breakfast at the Haliburton Legion. It starts at 7:30 a.m. and the chefs will be flipping up a storm until 11 a.m..

Registration starts at 9 a.m. at the caboose for the Poker Run. The fun ride takes about three hours so give yourself time to enjoy the beauty of the Highlands trails while you try to win a

minimum of \$750 in cash or other prizes. Best hand wins.

Throughout the day you can rise above it all in the Re/Max hot air balloon (weather permitting.) Rides are free.

The Haliburton ATV Club will be offering free rides for young and old throughout the day but if you prefer a non-motorized mode of transportation, let Murray Cowen take you on a horse-drawn sleigh ride through the park.

Depending on the weather, the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce is hoping to offer some fun outdoor games for children.

Hungry? Stop by the Haliburton United Church's new fellowship centre

for a hearty chilli lunch. The cost is \$6 for singles, \$10 for couples and \$20 for families.

The Rails End Gallery will feature a beautiful ice sculpture as part of its Ice by Fire exhibit. On Saturday from 1-4 p.m. Terry Craig will be conducting a lecture and glass blowing demonstration in the gallery. From 1-3 Jennifer Craig will run a drop-in children's suncatcher workshop. (Terry is creating clear suncatchers that kids can come in and paint.) The cost is \$8 each.

After a day of fun, kick back at a dance at the Haliburton Legion featuring Durango Dave of Canoe FM fame. The dance starts at 9 p.m..

The battle over LIHNs

Will they destroy public healthcare or save it?

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Unions say the new Local Integrated Health Networks will open the door to the privatization of healthcare.

Foster Loucks, the man in charge of this region's LIHN, says that unless changes are made the system will not be able to sustain itself, thus opening the door to the privatization of healthcare.

"[LIHNs are] about reducing services that are provided publicly," said John VanBeek, public relations officer with the local chapter of the Service Employees International Union at an

MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO



Staff at the Haliburton Hospital urged passing motorists to support their fight against the provincial legislation that opens the doors to LIHNs - Local Integrated Health Networks. They say LIHNs also open the door to private healthcare.

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Invitation to Participate Muskoka River Water Management Planning Process Standing Advisory Committee

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Power Generation, Orillia Power Generation Corporation, Bracebridge Generation Ltd. and Algonquin Power have prepared a Muskoka River water management plan. The water management planning area includes approximately 4,660 km² and measures over 62 km at its widest point. The river flows southwesterly through a series of rivers and lakes to empty into the southeast corner of Georgian Bay.

The intent of water management planning is to provide certainty and clarity as to how waterpower facilities are operated with respect to flows and levels during normal conditions while balancing environmental, social and economic objectives.

A standing advisory committee (SAC) is being established to advise, monitor and assist in the implementation of the Muskoka River water management plan. The SAC will consist of a number of citizens representing a diversity of interests within the plan area. The members will be reimbursed for reasonable expenses, such as travel and meals. The SAC will:

- advise on all matters relating to implementation of the plan
- monitor plan implementation and produce an annual status report
- document water level and flow issues
- review requests for changes to facility operation
- advise on need for plan amendments of plan review

Interested individuals are requested to submit in writing an expression of interest outlining their knowledge, interest, and perspective related to water management within the Muskoka river system. Candidates must also outline their ability to work with other groups or organizations to form effective partnerships and an ability to work with others in resolving issues. Please submit all expressions of interest by **March 17, 2006** to:

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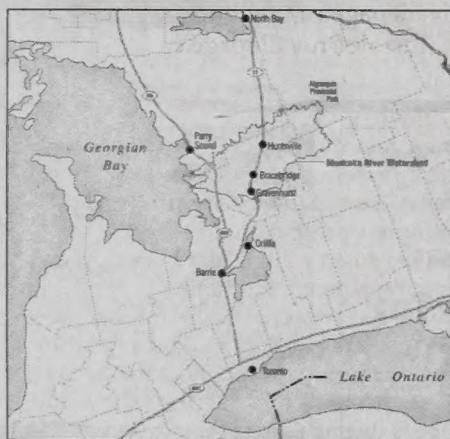
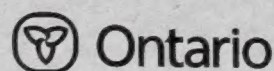
For further information, including a copy of the terms of reference for the SAC, please contact Kim Benner at the address above.

The Ministry of Natural Resources is collecting comments and information regarding this water management plan under the authority of the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act* to assist in making decisions and determining further public consultation needs. Comments and opinions will be kept on file for use during the effective period of the planning exercise and may be included in study documentation which is made available for public review.

Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (1987)*, personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent is obtained. However, this information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources to seek public input on other resource management surveys and projects. For further information regarding the Act, please contact Anne Collins at 705-646-5553.

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Changes protect healthcare, Loucks says

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information picket at the Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday. "It's a way to invite more privatization into our healthcare system."

"Whenever we put public healthcare dollars in for-profit corporations it means care is reduced, simply because for-profit healthcare providers expect a return on their investment. That's money that can't be used for investment in healthcare."

Loucks says that if unions fight all of the LIHN's proposals there's a greater risk of privatization. LIHNs offer an alternative to private healthcare because they are trying to make better use of existing healthcare dollars at a time when demands and expectations are increasing. Healthcare costs are growing at seven per cent a year while the economy is growing at two per cent. To make up the difference the province has few favourable options: increasing taxes or taking the money out of other budgets.

"I'd love to see the unions get on board in trying to solve these problems as equitably and painlessly as possible," Loucks says. "What I'm hearing is 'Let's keep the system the way it is.'"

"I think what we have in the LIHN is an effort to see whether we can't organize the system to prevent [the introduction of private healthcare.] In doing that it probably means we'll have to consolidate services that aren't efficient or improve services by consolidating them."

"Is it going to be painless? I wouldn't want to imply that. Decisions will have an impact on one group or another. Sometimes it will be the consumer, or labour, or the healthcare provider."

Both men disagree on whether consolidation offers better service to patients.

VanBeek says that the legislation that governs LIHNs will force healthcare providers to compete with one another. It could be that all heart surgery within a LIHN's jurisdiction takes place at one hospital in a region. And since this LIHN's region is so large, taking

in Victoria Park Avenue in Toronto to Algonquin Park to Peterborough, that means patients will have to travel more to get care.

Loucks says today's healthcare consumers are "more and more savvy so I'm not sure if the unions have it right [on people's reactions.] People want to shop around and where wait times are shortest, they don't care if it's Peterborough or Oshawa."

"We have an effort to see whether we can't organize the system to prevent [the introduction of private healthcare.] In doing that it probably means we'll have to consolidate services that aren't efficient"

FOSTER LOUCKS

"The public wants to know they can get care when they need it. They don't necessarily care where it is as long as it's available."

People in areas such as Haliburton are accustomed to having to travel to get most of their healthcare services such as surgery or consultations with specialists. (VanBeek says the distances people have to travel will get worse under the new system.) People in urban areas might put up more of a fight if their centres of care are changed, Loucks says. However, he argues that having different healthcare centres specialize in different procedures isn't a bad thing.

"If you have a hip that needs to be replaced, why go someplace that's only doing 25 a year when there's another centre, maybe an hour away, doing 500? If I'm a patient I want to go where outcomes will be the best outcome possible. In that type of thing, practice makes perfect."

"Because you specialize you get fast and really good at doing it."

That argument doesn't work for some types of care such as obstetrics, he adds. It doesn't make sense to force a woman to go to a hospital that's farther away when she's about to deliver a baby. "It would be something where volume makes sense and wait times might be reduced."

Unions argue that such decisions shouldn't be left to unelected boards. The province disbanded district health councils to create LIHNs and appointed all the members, including Loucks who is the founding executive director of Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

"LIHNs are anything but local," VanBeek says. "They concentrate more power with the Ministry of Health and cabinet. They have the power to appoint LIHN directors and [LIHNs] have to do what the government says."

VanBeek says that if the province wants more efficient healthcare, why aren't doctors covered by the new legislation, or ambulance services. "It means it's open to privatization."

The union is also afraid that services such as dietary, housekeeping, payroll and materials management will be contracted out to for-profit businesses.

"If the bill was to provide better healthcare services in a more equitable fashion we'd have no problem with it. It isn't. It's to move more services to for-profit corporations."

"It will be that healthcare workers, as in British Columbia, are reduced from earning \$18 an hour to \$10, \$11 an hour. That's what happened in B.C.. Workers will lose their pensions, their benefits. Is the government trying to create a subclass of healthcare workers? Healthcare workers earn a decent wage and contribute to the economy of our communities. What they don't earn in our communities they can't spend in our communities."

Loucks says, "I don't think that's at all the intent of the legislation. It comes down to a concern about opening up changes and options within the system. But there's no doubt the changes allow for other ways of doing things."

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LET'S HOPE that the county's decision to donate \$300,000 to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation makes everyone happy.

Although it's a lot of money to be spending at a time when the county is already facing one of the largest budget hikes in its history, the donation will let the county put an end to its growing frustration with the HHHSF. Over the years, county politicians have complained that not enough money is going towards paying down the capital debt for the healthcare expansion projects of a few years ago. Since they have to pay down the interest on the outstanding loan, the monthly payments to the bank had become an irritant. This way, they make a sizable donation and wash their hands of it.

The HHHS should be happy because the donation is enough to make what's left of the loan seem easier to raise. There's roughly \$500,000 left to pay off of the community's contribution to the much-needed expansion projects. After so many years of fundraising for the construction costs, many people want to see their money go towards other healthcare projects. Perhaps with one last fundraising push, the debt can finally be cleared and everyone can move on.

Who won't be happy? Lakeshore property owners. They already know they're facing a hefty tax increase because of the rise in waterfront property values. Even though municipalities are lowering their tax rate, that tax rate is multiplied against much higher property values for people who live or cottage on a lake. And although their taxes are going up, waterfront property owners really won't be getting much more for their dollar.

Cottagers in general and lake property owner associations in particular have been very supportive of the HHHSF fundraising campaign. They are grateful to have such improved facilities at their disposal and have shown their gratitude by supporting various fundraising efforts and making direct donations. But the same can be said for local residents. The county's contribution will be dispersed among every property owner in the Highlands so no one is spared.

But the bigger story of the county's budget is troubling on many counts. Rising property values are putting pressure on both cottagers who find their properties are becoming more valuable than they can afford and local residents who are finding it harder to even enter the real estate market. As Lance Crossley explored in last week's story on the lack of affordable housing, even rent prices are becoming prohibitively high in an area where wages tend to be low.

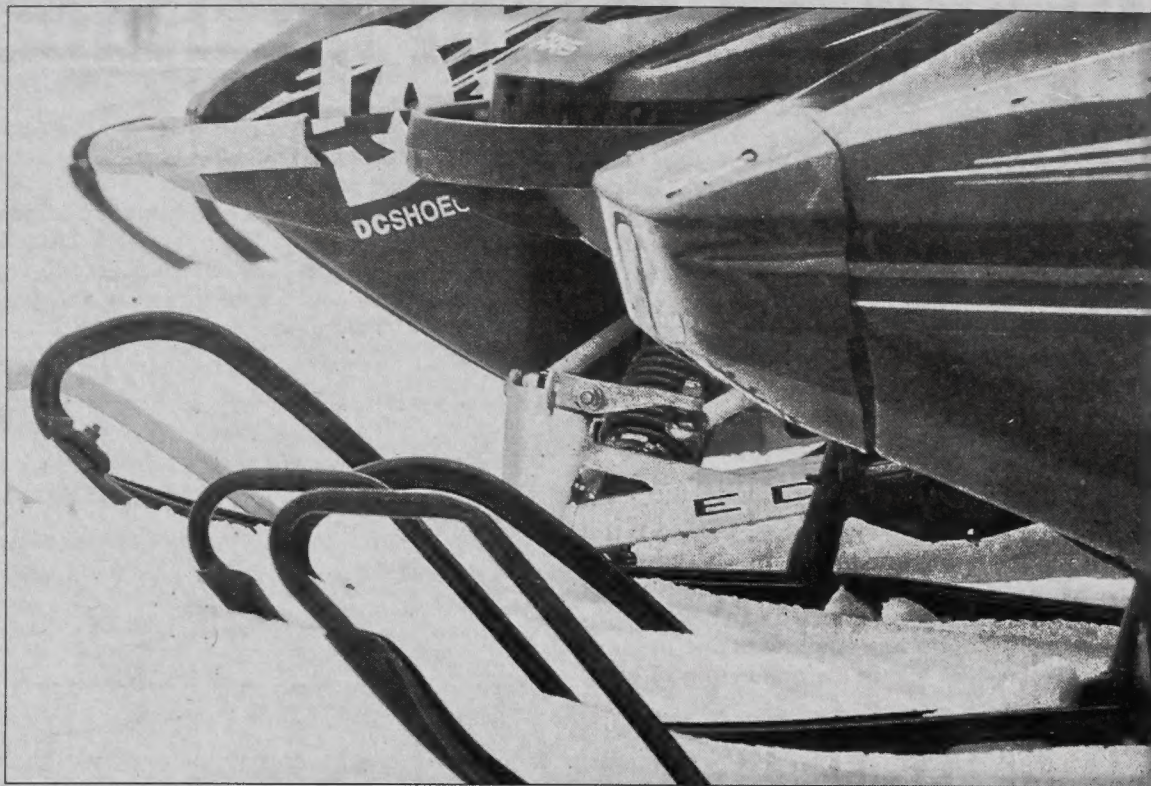
Politicians are trying to keep a lid on costs but they face increasing pressure from the provincial government. Local municipalities must not only provide more services, but they must do so with less funding from the province. They have little choice but to add to their budgets which, in turn, adds to the property taxes that people must pay. You can't blame local politicians for these mounting taxes and expect them to somehow slash and burn their budgets.

Where is Haliburton going with this? Will cottages no longer be affordable for the middle class? Will businesses in Haliburton have trouble finding workers because workers won't be able to find someplace affordable to live? It's a disquieting time, especially since the Highlands seems ready to live up to its potential as a desirable place to live, cottage and vacation. We have so much to gain but also so much to lose.

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editorial

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Gone sleddin'

Photo by DARREN LUM/ECHO

Let's make the Games ours

IAPPLAUD OUR Olympic athletes. Brushing back a tear at the incredible performances and feats of athleticism they provide, there's the pride at the raising of our flag on those occasions when they reach the podium.

These people are true Canadian heroes. Mostly because they are competing against fully-subsidized athletes from other countries while getting little help from our government. They have to find their own funding, spend their own money and train between doing their homework and working at MacDonalds.

It's painful watching and listening to the Canadian announcers trying to provide drama by ecstatically calling the play by play. Their voices rise toward the end as a competitor hits the crosses a finish line in 54th place... "This is his very best! He's going to be very pleased with this!"

Wait a minute. Isn't this Canada? If you ask almost anyone in the world what comes to mind when they hear the word 'Canada', their answer is 'winter'.

And for good reason. We usually have about six months of it every year. Cold, snowy, icy, pile-it-high winter. You can count on one hand the number of countries in the world that have winter anything like ours.

You'd think Canadians would be looking forward to the Winter Olympics like a kid waiting for Santa. Doesn't it seem a little odd that we should finish 48th and 64th in anything that requires ice or snow? It's not that we don't have the talent. We have. We've proven it sporadically with the likes of the Crazy Canucks and Nancy Greene, and...and...uh...well there are

others.

It occurs to me that Canada, one of the richest countries in the world, is also one of the cheapest. Since our federal government taxed us into eliminating their deficit, and started hiding our surplus tax money in case they might need it to get re-elected, we have won a relatively small handful of significant medals. Again, by people with dedication, drive and determination above and beyond the call of patriotism. And an insulting amount of help from any of our governments.

By the way, hockey doesn't count, because our hockey players are trained and paid by their respective NHL teams, not by our cheapskate government. And our very successful women's hockey team is more or less left to its own devices to raise money.

Canadians deserve more. We live in this deep-freeze all year round. We pay huge taxes for the honour. We pay dearly for the electricity and fuel required to survive our harsh climate. Even wood is expensive and Canada invented wood!

You would think the government would see the benefit of keeping the population happy by making sure that we can whip every other country at anything Winter. That means beating the Europeans at every kind of skiing. Yes, including cross-country. Beating the Americans at speed-skating, for goodness sake. Beating the Japanese at everything. Luge? It's sleigh riding for crying out loud. Canadians can't win at SLEIGH RIDING!!

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See for yourself

IT WAS ONE OF THOSE life-altering conversations that you never forget. "Dad," my daughter Carmen said, "if you had more hair you'd be good looking."

"A little bit of hair is all it would take, huh?" I answered, although I thought it odd.

"No," she replied, "not all. You would need to lose weight, too."

"Well, I guess everyone needs to lose a few pounds," I muttered although, quite frankly, I was just being polite.

"Oh, and if you could grow a bit taller, too. That'd be real ly good. You're very short you know."

And just like that, my little ray of sunshine skipped away.

Now I'm not exactly the sensitive type, but even I had to sit

back and take a breath or two.

And I'm not above admitting that it made me nervous, too, even depressed, if you must know the truth. I mean Carm is only six. She's far too young for her eyesight to be failing. And yet, there it was, undeniable proof.

I walked over to my wife.

"Have you noticed Carm's vision getting worse recently?" I asked.

"No," she said, "actually, the optometrist says it is improving at an amazing rate. The glasses are doing wonders."

"Has she scratched the lenses recently? Marred them horribly or perhaps bent the frame so that they are completely unusable?"

"No," Carol said, "she's careful and surprisingly good with them."

I walked away saddened and perplexed. And then I came to the startling conclusion that my poor wife was once again in denial. And who could blame her? After all, no mother wants her child to have to depend on the whims of a seeing-eye dog.

I sat in my office for a moment and gave the matter more thought. And it occurred to me that I had better stop living in a dream world and, instead, face the painful truth - my kid had faulty vision. Nothing else would you explain her assessment of me.

Even now it's not easy to write about, but I finally came to the conclusion that, as the tall, lanky patriarch of our family, I must push my lengthy bangs aside and face reality head on. It was for Carm's own good.

Needless to say, I did the responsible thing and began to assess the situation more fully, just to see where we were at.

I knew that as a parent, I needed to place myself in Carmen's shoes so that I could understand all the obstacles my little girl was facing. Which is why I shut the door and turned off the lights. Suddenly, except for my nightlight, I was living in world of total darkness. It took a while but soon my other senses took over. I could almost taste the air and my hearing heightened. My sense of smell told me it was time for a bath. Even my sense of touch improved. Now each nerve ending tingled with the joyous anticipation of wondrous tactile delights.

Smiling, I got up and moved slowly around the room. With each step I became more confident, knowing full well that those other senses would more than compensate for the minor inconvenience of losing sight. Hitting the corner of the filing cabinet with my shin was a minor setback of course. As was when I hopped several times, yelping in pain, and tripped over my waste bin before banging my chin on the corner of the desk and biting my tongue.

But even as I was untangling myself from my fishing rod bin, Carm ran downstairs and turned on the lights.

"Hello, Carm," I said loudly. "I'm over here."

"I know that Dad," she answered bravely.

I had to turn away and brush off a tear. All this time, my kid had been using sound, just like a bat, to make her way through a darkened world. It was as if she didn't even know she had a handicap.

"Come over here," I said and, when she arrived, I reached for her hands.

"Why are you having me feel your face dad?" she asked a second later.

"I just want you to know what I really look like," I said softly. "Close your eyes and listen to your fingers."

She then traversed her little digits across my chiselled, leading-man-type facial features, stopping carefully to poke me hard in each eye.

"They're brown," I winced. "But, then again, you can probably feel that."

After I dislodged her thumb from my nostrils, I then asked, "Well, how would you describe me now?"

"Easy," she answered, "you're still balding, short, and chubby."

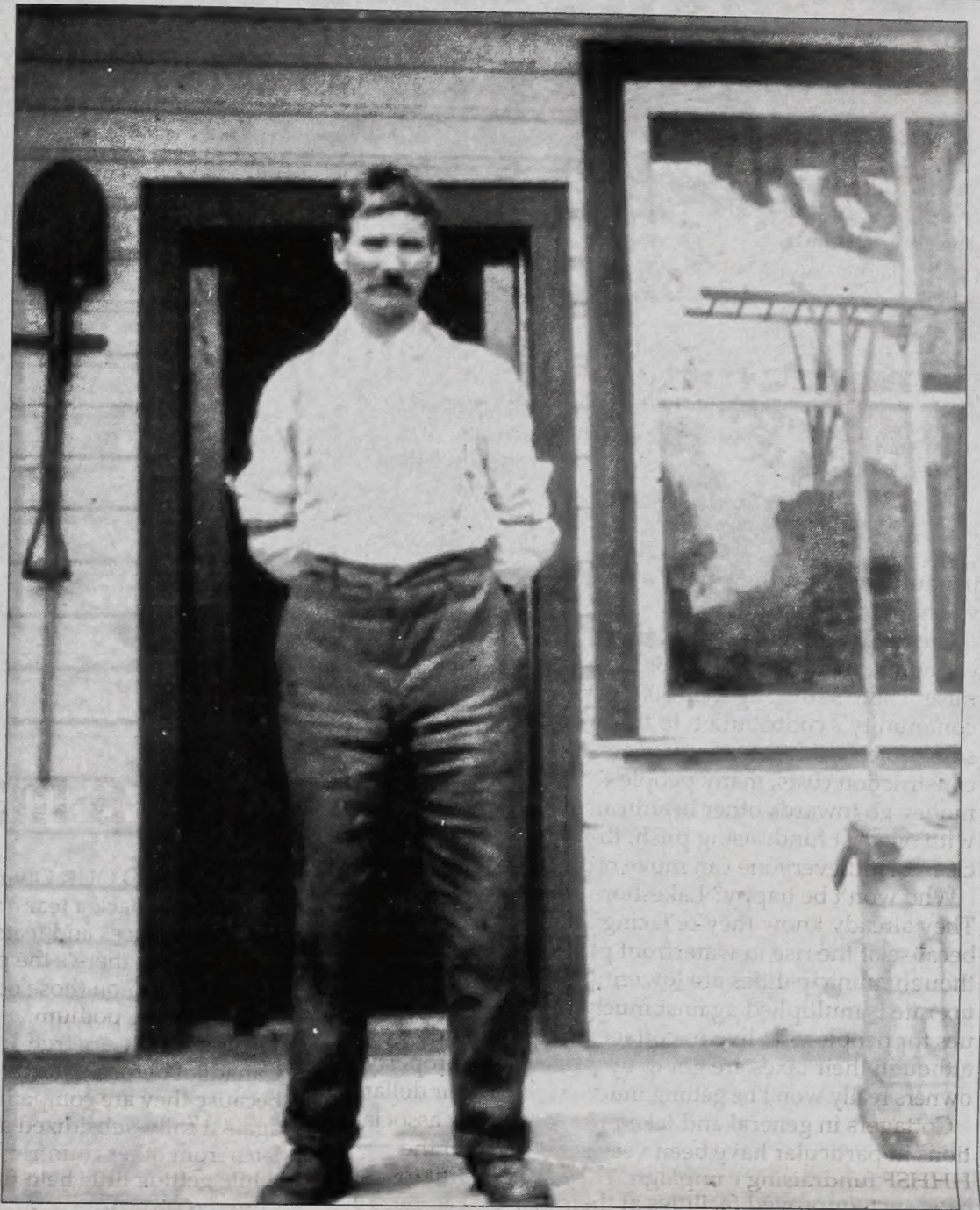
Saddened, I walked away and sat alone. After all, it wasn't easy to face. But I finally had to admit it - my kid had faulty nerve endings, too.

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pic of the past

PETER A. BARR is shown here standing in front of Barr's General Store in Gooderham. He took the store over from his father around 1900. His son, Gordon, collected many pictures of the community over the years and this collection will be displayed by Ron Barr at the Gooderham Community Centre on Saturday, February 25 from 1 to 4 p.m., Our thanks to Ron Barr and Elva Bates for sharing this photo with us.

letters to the editor

Nude drawings are a sign of evil

To the Editor:

Re: "Nude drawing controversy, revisited by theatre group"

The Haliburton School of the Arts displayed nude drawings in the high school lobby outside the Northern Lights Theatre in the summer of 2005. As a father and a grandfather, I don't call the drawing of nude people, art—I call it pornography. In the Webster's Dictionary, the meaning of pornography is: "the treating of obscene objects in art of literature. Obscene: that which offends or wounds the imagination in sexual matters". I know there are hundreds of people in

Haliburton County that agree with me, that nude drawings are offensive.

What's even worse is that these offensive nude pictures were displayed where children could see them. It's absolutely essential that honest, caring, God-loving people protect our children from the very appearance of evil. I trust that Mr. Brohman, the principal of our high school, will have the courage and moral convictions it takes to demand that anything depicting nudity must never be displayed in our high school again.

David Switzer,
West Guilford

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur





No matter how cold it is, every Friday afternoon Jean Tyler, left, and other volunteers gather in front of the Village Barn in Haliburton to encourage others to join them in a prayer for peace in support of the Christian hostages in Iraq. Janice Benoit will share the pamphlets with people at her church.

Share a prayer for peace

To the Editor:

Christian Peacemaker Team hostage crisis in Iraq may seem like a world apart from Haliburton, but it is not. To several local people, who have personal experiences and reasons to be aware of those who give their lives to make peace, it is as close as a friend. We are prepared to pray, even in the cold of winter, for peace in our world, in our community and in our own hearts.

We give thanks to local churches giving support and ask for others to join us every Fridays at 3:45 on the Village Barn square in Haliburton for a short weekly prayer for the hostages and for peace. We are there to share with people the work it takes to make peace.

It takes effort to wage peace. Our children Sam and Joan are willing to go right from school to the square to pray every Friday, because their godfather and others have inspired them to work for peace. Though Iraq and the hostages may not be in the minds of people in Haliburton much these days, they symbolize the need to continue our prayer as well as our efforts to wake up to the need for peace. We pray for those of all faiths who are tortured and those who are hurting others. Join us and make a difference in your own hearts as we pray for peace.

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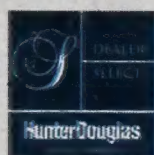
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Plumbing is in the Slote family's blood. "The pooh runs deep," laughs Grant.

Although Grant has a great sense of humour, licensing is something that he takes very seriously.

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Grant says the most common call he receives is for plugged sewer lines. For that reason he says his wife doesn't do his laundry.

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DARREN LUM/Echo



County of Haliburton



NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVIEW AND CHANGE THE FEE BY-LAW #3067

The County of Haliburton intends to review and change the Fee By-Law #3067 at its regular council meeting on March 8, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. It is the intention of Council to adopt this By-Law at the regular scheduled council meeting on March 22, 2006 at 9:00am in the Council Chambers located at 11 Newcastle St. Minden, Ontario. If you wish further information please contact Laura Janke, Treasurer at ljanke@county.haliburton.on.ca or 286-1333



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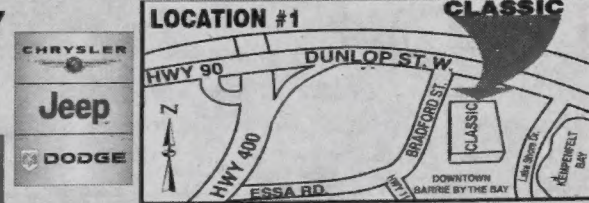
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Little Sister gets a taste of being an only child

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

Aylish Stromberg is eating the berry-vanilla yogurt that her big sister just bought for her at a local eatery. Her sis, Franka Andriano, is part of the Big Brother / Big Sister program and has been paired with Stromberg since November.

"She's calorie wise," says Aylish with a sarcastic flicker of the eyebrows as she enjoys another spoonful.

The eight-year-old is not the stereotypical child one may imagine would enlist in a BBBS program. Living with a parent who has remarried, she has a total of three brothers and three sisters in her combined family – not exactly a lonely child.

But Andriano, who herself grew up in a family with seven children, says that large families can sometimes present its own challenges for children.

"It's a misconception that the program is only for single parents who have kids. The idea is that she gets her one-on-one time because there are so many

in her family that sometimes it gets difficult."

Andriano is a busy single woman who runs a catering business and a Bed & Breakfast in the area. She says she decided to get involved with the program because of the role that mentors played in her own life.

"I've always wanted to be a mentor," says Andriano. "I was in an immigrant family with seven kids and my parents

weren't the type to take you to the movies or skating. So the mentors I had outside my family were important."

The pair attends art galleries and libraries, watches movies, and has been known to engage in some baking in Andriano's kitchen (Andriano is a frequent food columnist with The Echo). Aylish suggests that their time together manages to stimulate her mind.

"We get to spend time together and go out, instead of me staying in the house," says Aylish.

Andriano says her role is not that of a social worker or coun-

"The idea is she gets her one-on-one time because there are so many in her family that sometimes it gets difficult"

Big Sister FRANKA ANDRIANO



LANCE CROSSLEY/Echo

With Franka Andriano as her Big Sister, Aylish Stromberg gets the one-on-one time that she sometimes misses in her big family. They're taking part in Saturday's bowlathon and are looking for sponsors.

sellor. Instead, the main aim is simply to be a mentor and have fun.

"I'm really hoping people will realize that being a big brother or sister is a lot of fun," says Andriano. "It doesn't take a lot of time or money. It's a few hours a week and you don't have to do anything other than hang out with them."

Both Andriano and Aylish are scheduled to participate in the annual BBBS Bowl For Kids' Sake, a fundraiser planned for Feb. 25 at the Minden Lanes. Their team is called "Franka's Snowballs". (Teams can register by calling Patti Lou Robinson

at 457-6344).

Andriano was paired with Aylish through Robinson, a BBBS case manager for the county. A meeting was arranged with Aylish's family so that the pair could get a sense of each other and feel each other out. The meeting was followed by a four-month trial period – which is just coming to an end about now.

"You going to keep me?" asks Andriano.

Aylish finishes her yogurt and gives her big sister a warm smile that says it all.



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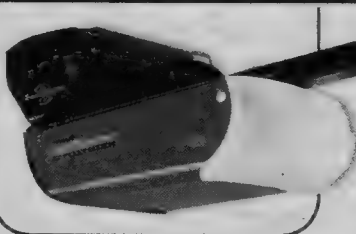
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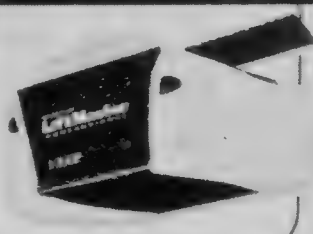
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Donation lets county and HHHSF 'move on'

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"If we don't have the appropriate technology in place, we won't be in a position to do x-rays locally," says HHHS CEO Keith Sansford. "And I have no intention of letting us go down that path."

Sansford, who appeared caught off guard by the county's announcement, called the donation "great news" and said "this is how communities move forward".

Dale Walker, executive director of HHHS Foundation, said she had no knowledge of the county's donation and did not comment on the issue.

The county, which had been the guarantor of the loan, was projected to pay \$35,000 in interest toward the capital loan in 2006. While it might have been less expensive for the county to continue its

interest payments, Warden Murray Fearrey says the one-time donation allows both sides to move on with their business.

"It was just a case of let's get on with life and be free of that," says Fearrey. "And that creates some freedom for the next council for things they will need."

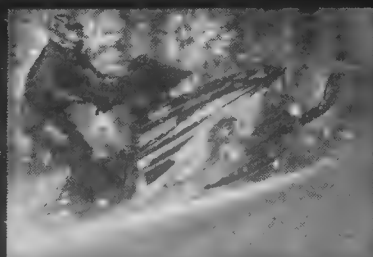
Councillors approved the \$300,000 when it passed its 2006 budget at last Wednesday's council meeting. While the county is struggling to meet its own budgetary needs – it is looking at both tax increases and borrowing to meet its shortfall – Councillor Gardner believes the donation is still the right thing to do.

"It may not seem like a good time to do it but there is never a good time," Gardner told council. "Now is the time to pay it down and let the foundation finish it off. I think it's money well spent."



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Warden Murray Fearrey says "it's a case of let's get on with life and be free of that. This creates some freedom for the next council."



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Even with loan, many property owners' taxes would go up

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ambulance funding, a service that was downloaded by the province in 2000. The province promised to fund 50 per cent of ambulance costs at the time but the agreement has never been adjusted to account for arbitrated settlements with medical unions. Now the county forks out 62 per cent of those ambulance costs, a cost of about \$300,000 for local taxpayers.

"There's nowhere to go with it," said Fearrey. "It's an essential service and you have to maintain it. There's no easy answer to it."

The county is still suffering from the downloading of provincial highways in the '90s, something that has never been adequately compensated for. Fearrey said if the county borrows money it will be for roads and ambulance services.

Council passed the budget after exhausting all cost-cutting measures over the past couple of months. Expenditures were trimmed in all the departments, including the library, 911, and planning, but any minor progress has typically been countered by waves of bad financial news.

For example, at the most recent meeting, it was revealed that the anticipated surplus from social services will likely not come through, a loss of more than \$60,000. At a budgetary meeting in January, councillors were notified about a reduction in property tax revenue from managed forest owners, who had their tax formula recently altered by the province – another major hit.

About \$50,000 was plucked from the ambulance reserve toward the budget, a recommendation from

County Treasurer Laura Janke and CAO Jim Wilson. The recommendation came reluctantly but Janke said that was the only reserve that has been added to since last year.

The Department of Economic Development and Marketing had \$62,000 erased from its wish list, including its request for a full-time tourism coordinator. Department head Robert Smith told council that the lack of such a position means he will have less time to devote to economic development. Warden Fearrey reminded Smith that it is only his wish list that has been downsized, not the department itself.

"At some point we will hire a tourism person, but in 2006 it is not financially in the cards," said Fearrey.

The county gained a short-term break – if you can call it a break – when the provincial government recently announced that its plan to slash \$250,000 from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund in 2006 would be put off until next year. (The five-year phase in plan will eventually cost the county \$3 million in revenue).

That 'break' was mitigated, however, when councillors agreed to a one-time payment of \$300,000 to free themselves as guarantor of the HHHS debt. (See story page one.)

So what will the tax picture look like? No one really knows for sure until the remaining variables come into play: some lower-tier municipalities have yet to finalize their budgets, the provincial education tax rate has yet to be determined, and the province has yet to unveil possible municipal funding in its upcoming budget.

However, there are some possible scenarios based on county projections about the variables.

If councillors decide against borrowing money to address the shortfall, many in the county will be paying significantly more in property taxes even if municipal tax rates stay the same. The increase is due to the general rise in property values as announced by MPAC last fall. For example, a \$200,000 property in Highlands East that had its assessment increase by 30 per cent would now be valued at \$260,000. In real dollars, their property taxes would increase 8.3 percent, which amounts to an extra \$182 from the ratepayer's pocketbook.

If you were lucky and your property value stayed the same, you would actually experience an almost 17 per cent drop in your taxes – a savings of \$369.

A slightly different picture emerges if councillors take out a \$1 million loan. That same home with the new property value of \$260,000 would face a 5.8 percent hike, \$128 more than last year's tax bill. If your \$200,000 property value stayed the same, you could experience an almost 19 per cent reduction on your taxes with savings of over \$400.

A \$1 million loan doesn't hugely affect the bottom line for the taxpayer because the county's take is only a portion of the overall tax bill – a bill that also combines education and lower-tier municipal taxes.

"[A bank loan] does soften the blow a bit," said Janke, who believes council will borrow money to remedy at least part of the financial shortfall.

The total budget for 2006 is \$18.3 million. Nearly \$7.6 million of that is already accounted for from anticipated funding sources. The remaining \$10.7 million must be covered by property taxes and/or bank loans.

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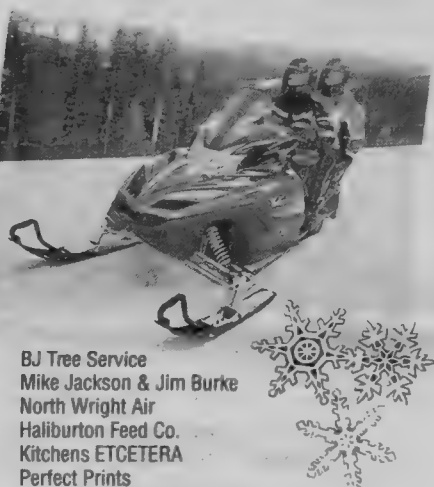
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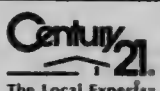
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Cabinet choices put Conservatives on the defensive

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appoint Michael Fortier, former party organizer, to the senate en route to a seat in cabinet, and snatch David Emerson from the Liberals to get him to be the Conservatives' Minister of Trade?

"I think it's fair to say that most people would agree that picking a cabinet is one of the most difficult things a Prime Minister must do," Devolin says.

Devolin was prepared to be surprised by some of Harper's choices but in no way did he expect the Fortier and Emerson appointments. He's willing, however, to give Harper "the benefit of the doubt on this."

Harper has done things in the past that Devolin didn't see eye-to-eye on at first but which turned out to be good decisions, the second-term MP says. "I'm not going to jump overboard the first time [Harper] does something that my first reaction is confusion.

"I'll reserve analysis on whether the right decision was made."

Greg Walling, who ran against Devolin as the Liberal candidate and who says he will run again, says that



MP Barry Devolin, seen here in a House of Commons file photo, says he'll reserve analysis on whether the right choices were made.

appointing Emerson to cabinet "smacks of political opportunism."

He says there's no way Emerson can argue that he left the Liberals on a matter of political conscience or because of a serious policy difference because just two weeks earlier Emerson was campaigning heartily against the Conservatives.

That's what makes the Emerson mutiny different from Belinda Stronach crossing the floor last year. When Stronach joined the Conservative party it did not yet have its policies in place. Then, "when policies were developed she disagreed with the way the party was going."

Walling is more upset about the appointment of Gordon O'Connor as the Minister of Defence. Before being elected two years ago, was a lobbyist for some of the companies that will be making bids for expensive defence contracts. "Tell me he's not going to have a jaded view."

As to Harper's judgement, Walling says "I think he's finding it much more difficult to run a country than partisanly criticize new initiatives."

What makes Harper's actions worse, he adds, is Harper's campaign claim that the Conservatives were more ethical than the Liberals. "Given that Mr. Harper went in on this new accountability bill, it sure doesn't give the average voter confidence in moving on."

Devolin says he can understand why some people are upset with the cabinet choices. He doesn't blame Emerson's Vancouver constituents for angrily reacting to Emerson's political change of heart just two weeks after the election. "I don't know what I can say to make them more accepting."

But what about the Conservatives running on a platform of democratic reform and being more ethical than the Liberals? When Stronach left the Conservatives for a seat in the Liberal

cabinet, Devolin called it "distasteful."

"I don't have any easy answer," he says today. "In terms of cabinet appointments the Prime Minister has the right to ask anyone to sit in cabinet." Former Prime Minister Jean Chretien appointed Stephan Dion and Pierre Pettigrew to cabinet before they were elected as MPs, although by-elections were immediately called to get them a seat in Parliament.

"I think there's a legitimate debate about how many rules there should be," says Devolin, who during the election says he joined the former Reform Party because he was interested in how to improve our democratic system.

"There was a long list of reforms that I advocated that I'm now aware have some undesirable changes but some sort of recall mechanism I would support. In extreme cases a recall would force a by-election but even the existence [of such a threat] would act as a deterrent."

In the last Parliament he voted in favour of a bill that would force someone to sit as an independent if they left their party in the midst of an election. "I think it's important that an MP has the right to leave his own caucus."

However, he didn't agree with the motion that if someone leaves their party, a by-election must be called immediately. This would act as a disincentive for MPs who are unhappy with their parties to leave. "I think that by putting the constraint on back bench members you unintentionally give far more power to the leadership."

As to Fortier, Devolin says that his appointment to cabinet now does not deter the Conservatives from moving towards an elected senate.

No matter who is in cabinet, Devolin doesn't see his own role changing. "I'm a member of the governing party but I'm not a member of the government. Cabinet decisions won't change the way I represent the riding."

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Red Hawks Adam Begich wrestles in the 83 kg class on his way to the fourth place at the Kawartha Championships.

Strong showing sees 22 local wrestlers advance to OFSAA

On Wednesday February 15, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School hosted the 2006 Kawartha Wrestling Championships.

More than 150 athletes from the Kawartha region participated at the all-day event. With 34 wrestlers, the Red Hawk Wrestling Team had the largest club among nine teams attending the tournament. Overall, the Red Hawks had a successful day with 22 athletes advancing to the COSSA Championships on Wednesday February 22 in Peterborough.

In team competition, both the HHSS men's and women's team placed second among Kawartha schools.

The top four finishers in each category advance to COSSA. Haliburton wrestlers advancing to next week's tournament continue to practise, honing their technique and improving match strategy. The top two finishers in each weight class will qualify

for the OFSAA Wrestling Championships in Sarnia (February 27 - March 2).

Women's Individual Results:

1st: Jackie Grech (44 kg)
2nd Place: Amanda van Lieshout (57.5 kg); Heather Kennedy (72 kg); Julie Moore (77 kg)
3rd: Sara Lacy (47.5 kg); Julie Johnston (72 kg); Rebecca Ide (77 kg)
4th: Nicole Phillips (47.5 kg); Katelin Cowan (61 kg); Adriana Ellis (67.5 kg)
5th: Lindsay Hawley (72 kg)
6th: Tori Brown (51 kg)

Men's Individual Results:

1st: Jeff Griffin (64 kg); Chris Bryan (77 kg)
2nd: Andy Cooper (51 kg); Kyle Evans (61 kg); Kalem Kyle (77 kg); Karl Kadwell (83 kg); Josh Mayhew (unl)
3rd: Mike Davis (47.5 kg); Brad Brown (57.5 kg)
4th: Cody Griffin (57.5 kg); Gary Griffin (61 kg); Adam Begich (83 kg)
5th: Will Pentesco (77 kg); Colin Ellis (95 kg)
6th: Rob Ashworth (67.5 kg)



The Red Hawk's Adrianna Ellis fights to prevent a pin against Lauren Eno. Adrianna succumbed to the strain and lost the pin, but finished fourth in the 67.5 kg.

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Haliburton Red Hawks
Karen Cox-Gurdon finished
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Silver medalist Emily Turner pushes up the final ascent on her way to a strong finish.



David Wright drives to the finishline. Wright to earn a berth to the COSSA Championships.

Red Hawks love medals at Valentine's meet

Love for the podium was definitely in the air for the Red Hawks at the Nordic COSSA competition hosted at Glebe Park on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Junior boys competitor Daniel Wright led the way with gold when he beat his next closest competitor by 19 seconds while Emily Turner took silver, missing gold by a little more than a minute. Heather Cox-Gurdon placed fourth.

In Senior competition, Robin Ketner moved up from a 3.5 km race in Novice the previous week to a 6 km race last week and earned the third place ribbon. Karen Cox-Gurdon placed 4th while David Wright came 8th in senior boys.

The "minor niner" junior boys nordic ski team also struck gold.

They beat out second place Crestwood in both the individual event in the morning and the relay event in the afternoon. The team was led by double gold winner Daniel Wright. Shane Dibblee took the fifth place ribbon in the individual races taking three minutes off his time from last week. Curtis Nichol shaved off a minute and Scott Henwood came an impressive ninth having moved up from Novice last week.

The Red Hawks Nordic team will be sending a total of seven members (all mentioned above, but including Robin

Ketner, David Wright) to the OFSAA finals scheduled for Feb. 22 - 24 at Hardwood Hills.

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2nd Emily Turner 21.20
4th Heather Cox-Gurdon 30.06

Junior Boys
1st Daniel Wright 24.32
5th Shane Dibblee 30.31
7th Curtis Nichol 31.31
9th Scott Henwood 38.19

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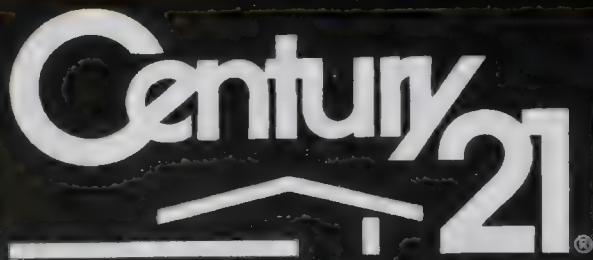
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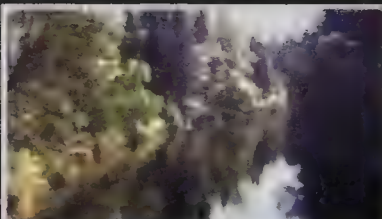
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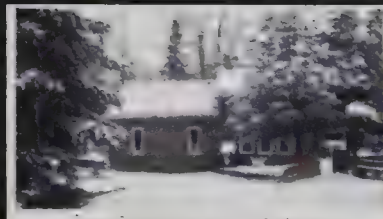
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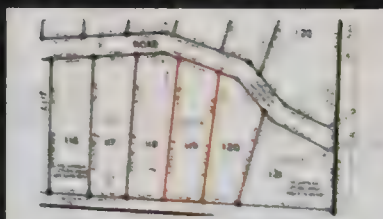
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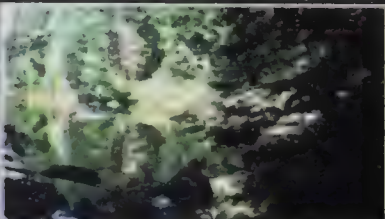
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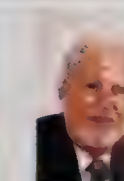
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Midgets advance to semi-finals in clean sweep against Lakefield

JIM WINN

Special to The Echo

Games two and three of the OMHA Midget AE quarter-finals were played in Haliburton last week and as a result, the team is advancing to the semi-finals.

The CRS/Rodco Enterprise Midgets were leading the series 1-0 over the Lakefield Chiefs. The Storm jumped out to a 2-0 lead after the first period. Goals were scored by Devin Hunter and Matt Clements. Only one assist was rewarded and that was to Adam DeCarlo but also helping out were Todd Simms and Josh Townsend.

Adam Hatcher scored for the Chiefs at 8:48 of the second period but just 31 seconds later Max Ambridge scored from Kenton Winn. With 16 seconds left in the period John Murray scored unassisted to give the Storm a 4-1 lead.

Jordan Collins played the angles well in the Storm net for two periods and then gave way to J.D. Crowe who continued the steady goaltending as Lakefield was shutout in the third.

The checking of Chase Thurston and Robert Chapman, and the hard work of Jessee Tallman shut down the opposition. Final score was 4-1 for the home

team.

In game three the Storm led after the first 3-2. Picking up points in this period were Devin Hunter (two), Josh Townsend (two), Billy Kulas, Kenton Winn, John Murray and Matt Clements.

At 11:36 of the second period Lakefield tied the game at three. But then the Storm defence of Clements, Simms, Kulas and Gough picked up their game and shut down the Lakefield attack. Offensively Devin Hunter scored three in a row in this period with assists going to Adam DeCarlo (two), Jessee Tallman, Adam Gough and Josh Townsend. The period ended with the Storm ahead 6-3.

In the last period the Highland boys were led by the "rookie line" of Thurston, Chapman and Tallman who were content to dump the puck in and keep a man high. Todd Simms and the rest of the defence were taking the body in the neutral zone, which was eliminating the cherry-picking Chiefs. The teams traded goals in this period to make the score 7-4 for the Storm.

This gave the Storm the series three games to none. They now move on to the OMHA semi-finals against the Almaguin Ice Devils, who eliminated the Stayner Cyclones three games to one.

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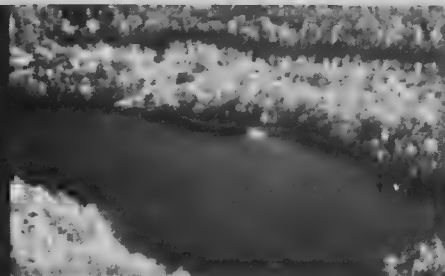
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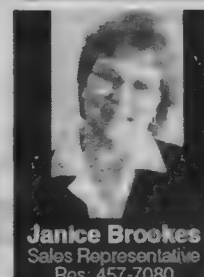
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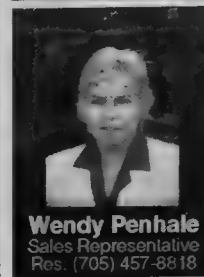
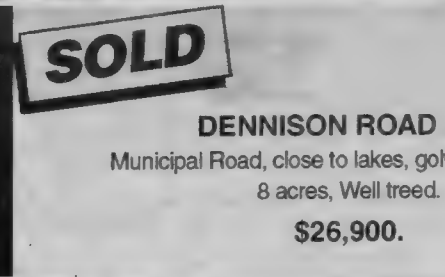
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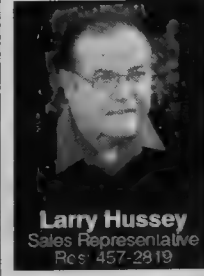
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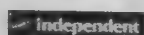
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Atom AE ready to take on semi-final competition

WENDY SISSON

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The Storm's Atom AE team has qualified for the All-Ontario semi-finals in Group 4/5 by sweeping their first two opponents.

The first series was a best of five with the Mariposa Thunder. The Storm handled this team, outscoring them 16 to 1 in the three games.

During these games the Storm skated around the opposition and used their passing game to overcome the Thunder and propel the Storm into the quarter-

finals against the Wasaga Stars.

Having lost the home ice advantage, the Storm travelled to Wasaga for the first of the best of five games. The Stars came out of the box with a physical presence but the Storm were not intimidated and set to work on wearing them down. Nate Feir left the rink buzzing since he scored all four goals in that game leaving the Thunder to think the Storm was a one-player team.

With Wasaga's arrival in Haliburton, the Stars had a full house of hometown fans to contend with since it was a day of play-off hockey in the Highlands.

As seems to be the pattern with this

team, the Atom Storm found themselves down early in the first period. But before the buzzer could sound the home team scored two quick ones, one by Jacob Sisson unassisted and they other by Kirk Lopez assisted by Chris Hall, to put them ahead.

At the ten-minute mark of the second Spencer Trueman added to the scoreboard, assisted by Riley Tait, and that would be all the Storm needed to go onto a 3-2 victory.

Game 3 was back at 'the beach'. After a scoreless first period, the Storm had three goals in the second. Points go to Spencer for two goals and Nate for one

with assists to Tyler Barry and Nate.

In the third the Storm put the nail in the coffin with one more goal by Nate to seal the win and the series.

Throughout these three games Jordan Hamilton was strong in net, stonewalling all but four quality shots from the opposing team.

Meagan Allore and Connor Dollo were strong along the boards and in the corners creating turnovers for the Storm to capitalize on.

The coaches and parents are proud of this team's play and determination and are looking forward to the next round of hockey.

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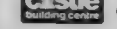
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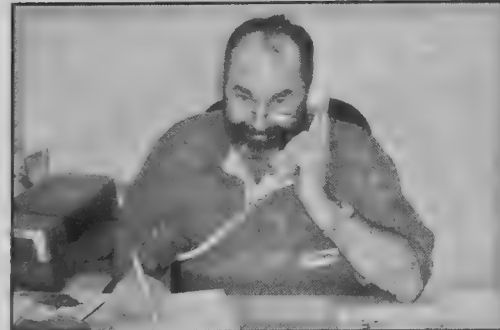
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The winners are as follows.

The overall winners was Ron Barr's team of Dick Duchemin, Helen Baker and Colleen Ward.

First Draw -

1st - Shirley Howse skip, Hilda Attridge, David Wright, Ian Gourley
2nd - Bill Hare skip, Jack Virgin, Luba Glachan, Mary Jane Dillon
3rd - John Lindsay skip, Gerry Taylor, Wendy Vermeersch, Ila Griffin
4th - Phyllis Woodcock skip, Daniel Wright, Wayne DeJong, Ken Kelly

Second Draw -

1st - Ron Barr skip, Dick Duchemin,

Helen Baker, Colleen Ward
2nd - Glen Carter skip, Bev Martin, Ann McIvor, Carolyn Bebee
3rd - Del Watson skip, Ann McNaul, Mary Lou Waggett, Keith Semple
4th - Richard Bebee skip, Salvatori, Marilyn Watson, Pat Reynolds

Third Draw -

1st - Wayne Hussey skip, Brigitte Bassie, Gary Bradshaw, Barb Parish
2nd - Geoff Ainsley skip, Elda Sedore, Yvonne Johnson, Jurrie Hoekstra
3rd - Goldie Foster skip, Pete Byers, June Beadle, Ann Harris
4th - Beryl Rasmus skip, Joe Zahn, Robert McIvor, Sylvia Bradshaw

Fourth Draw -

1st - Ken Wilson skip, Doug Wagg, Bryan Hartung, Joe Zahn/Keith Waggett
2nd - Wayne Shepherd skip, Fern Timbers, Percy McBain, Paul Iles
3rd - John Wilson skip, Jean McBain, Mitch Stephen, Wendy Gunning
4th - Rick Lauzon skip, Emily LaRue, Gloria Foster, Jack Greavette



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The Delta Pinestone curling team from Haliburton took part in the 31st Annual OPP Bonspiel in Bancroft during the weekend of February 10 to 12. The team dropped its Friday night game in an extra end but then won the next four games and in doing so, captured the "B Division" title. All money raised from the bonspiel went towards the Hospital for Sick Children. The Pinestone Team won power pressure washers as their reward. Pictured are Sheila Stackhouse (lead); Case Bassie (second); Larry Holden (vice) and Terry Roche (skip).

Besides the excellent curling the duck races were a huge hit with the crowds. The six ducks in a duck pond were

See Jack Bassett page 23

Plan Inspection Bancroft Minden Forest 2006-2026 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. and the Local Citizens Committee invite you to inspect the 2006-2026 forest management plan for the Bancroft Minden Forest. The purpose of this notice is to announce the MNR Regional Director has approved the plan and to offer you the opportunity to inspect it.

The MNR-approved forest management plan is available for your inspection so that you can decide if the plan is a reflection of balanced, well-informed and fair decisions. The MNR-approved forest management plan includes the long-term strategic direction for the management of the forest, details of planned operations for harvest, renewal and tending, and access road locations for the first five-year term 2006-2011. In addition, the plan includes supplementary documentation, such as tables and maps used to help make decisions and a list of the major changes which were made following public consultation on the draft forest management plan.

The MNR-approved forest management plan will be available for inspection during normal office hours for a 30-day period beginning February 23, 2006 to March 26, 2006 at the following locations:

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Additionally during this 30-day period, the MNR-approved forest management plan will be available for inspection at the MNR Bancroft District office during non business hours, by arranging an appointment with the MNR District Manager. Please contact Chris Davies, A/District Manager at 613-332-3940, ext. 201.

A summary of the MNR-approved forest management plan and copies of values maps used during FMP development may be obtained from the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. office or the MNR Bancroft District Office.

The planning team for the forest management plan consisted of the following people:

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Mike Turner, R.P.F., District Planner
Dennis Fraser, GIS officer
Bruce Fleck, R.P.F., Forester

The planning team members, the MNR District Manager and the local citizens committee are available during the inspection period to meet and discuss your interests and any issues or concerns you may have. During the 30-day inspection period, any person may make a written request to the Minister of Environment for an individual environmental assessment of specific proposed forest management activities in the forest management plan. A response to a request will normally be provided by the Minister of the Environment after the completion of the 30-day inspection period, following the process described in the *Forest Management Planning Manual (2004)*.

Public comments are collected and documented as part of the public consultation process for forest management as required under the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*. A summary of all comments collected throughout the planning process is available to the public in a summary form and will be available for the duration of the approved plan. Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (1987)* or FIPPA, personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent is obtained. However, this information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources as public input on other resource management initiatives. For further information regarding FIPPA, please contact Vince Ewing at 613-332-3940, ext.206.

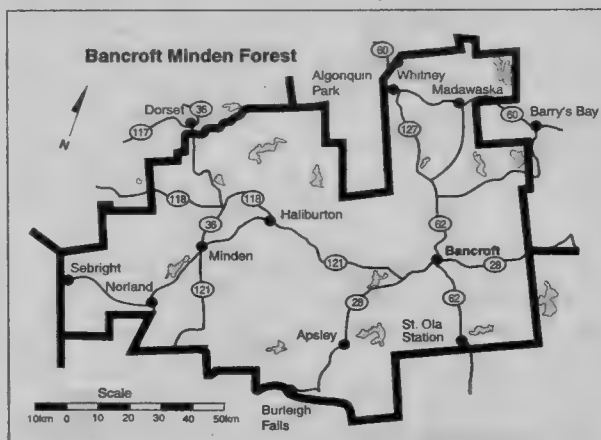
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Following the inspection period, the approved forest management plan will be available for viewing for the five-year operating period of the forest management plan at the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. office, the MNR Bancroft District office, the MNR Southern Regional office and Mines and Minerals Information Centre in Toronto.



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Jack Bassett bonspiel raises money for cancer society

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called Anne of Green Gables, Peking duck, Blue Hawaii, Harley Duck, Peggy Lee and Burton. This event really got the house rocking. Bev and Bruce Martin organized this event with the help of the Duck Meisters Gary Thorpe, Wilf Guenette, and Tim Nichols. With great expense the balls cage was put into action by Vic Ibbotson.

Special thanks go to the entire executive for an excellent fundraiser. Janet Tice along and her kitchen helpers provided an excellent roast beef dinner with all the trimmings. Thanks to Bruce and Betty Moffatt who were the main score keepers and registrars. Thanks to all the bartenders who took turns behind the bar and to John Watson and his ice-maker helpers. As always the ice was impeccable.

Last but not least a big thanks to all the participants who made this bonspiel such a success.

The Jack Bassett bonspiel was held recently at the Haliburton Curling Club and the overall winner was the Terry Roche team of Cheryl Smillie, Bunny Scott, and Andy Mason.

The first draw winners were Fern Timbers Pete Byer, John Glachan and Ken Kelly. In second place was Gary Thorpe, Bev Martin, Richard Rasmus and Ray Luck. In third places was Don Wetmore's team of Beryl Rasmus, Ray Baker and Luba Glachan.

The second draw first-place winners was Terry Roche's team. In second place were John Smillie, Sandra Duchemin, Bryce Blair and Ariel Campbell.



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Tournament of Hearts organizer Shirley Howse presents the trophy to the overall winners of the popular bonspiel at the Haliburton Curling Club: Skip Bev Martin, Second Helen Baker and Vice Wendy Vermeersch. It's quite a feat for a threesome to win the tournament.

Third place was Bill Hare's team of Jean McBain, Lorraine Virgin, Keith Waggett.

More than \$1,200 was raised for the Cancer Society with funds matched by the Haliburton Legion.

Future bonspiels to take place are the Jack Robertson

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When it comes to investing in an RRSP, Nelly Ashworth has one piece of advice: start early and do it monthly.

Ashworth, Haliburton branch manager for the Bank of Montreal, is passionate about the need for personal financial investing and says it doesn't have to break your pocketbook.

"You start an RRSP with \$50 and then \$25 every month after that," says Ashworth. "It's less than a case of beer. How much do people spend on lottery tickets a month? Put it to yourself. You have to plan for your own future. If you don't, you're shooting yourself in the foot."

She candidly admits that she did not start an RRSP until her mid-30s. It was only after having children and feeling the passage of time that she "saw the light" and began investing.

The need for financial planning is greater than ever, says Ashworth, especially now that people are living longer than ever. It's easy to forget that when 65 was established as the retirement age,

not many lived far beyond that. Many people today have to rely on their pension for 20 to 30 years after retiring.

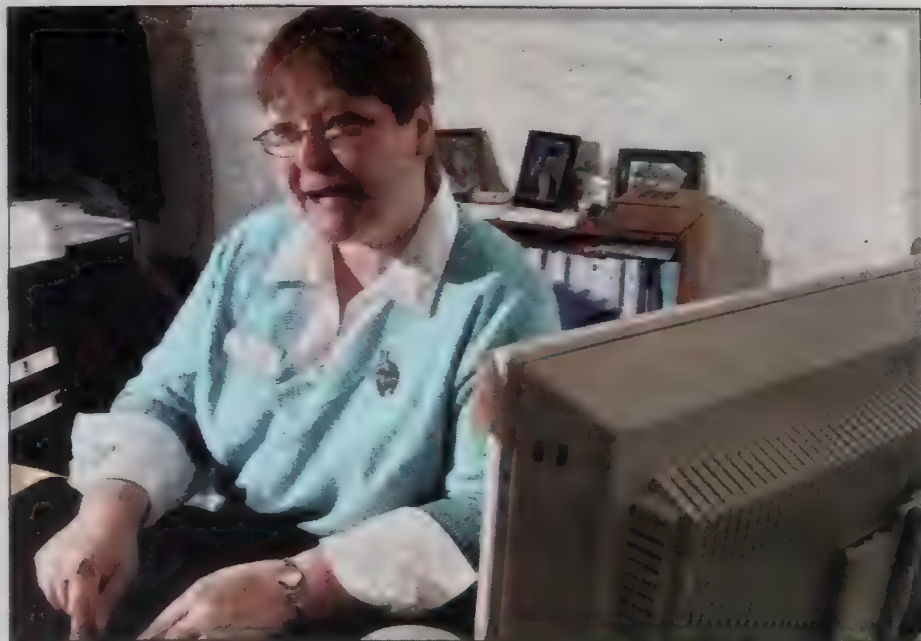
"There are a lot of people out there who live every month on the pensions they receive – whether it's their Canadian pension or a pension from their employer – and it's a hard time for them," says Ashworth.

With an aging demographic putting strain on the Canada Pension Plan, there is also widespread uncertainty over its future reliability.

There are basically three ways to invest your money: a GIC, a GIC tied to the market, and mutual funds. A GIC guarantees you a return for your money typically in the two-to four per cent range. A GIC tied to the market guarantees your initial principal but gets your foot into the market. And then there are mutual funds, which are directly tied to market performance of various stocks. The right plan for you depends on your risk tolerance, but if you are in for the long haul, financial advisors recommend riding out the market with mutual funds.

"The history of mutual funds has been that it's always outperformed the GIC,

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Nelly Ashworth, branch manager of the Haliburton BMO, says the time to start your financial planning is now and recommends contributing to an RRSP monthly.

even with the bumps along the way," says Ashworth.

However, financial planners do not recommend going out of your comfort zone with your investment. Many banks have a quiz you can take to ascertain your risk tolerance.

"If you're absolutely not comfortable, then don't do it," says Robin Flood, a financial advisor at the Minden TD Bank.

The maximum RRSP contribution you can make this year is \$16,500, but Flood says you can start one for as little as \$10. You can also use your RRSP as a down payment for a house and then pay yourself back.

If you don't have the money to make this year's RRSP contribution, you can take out a loan and put it toward your mutual fund portfolio.

"If you put it into a balanced portfolio,

you're probably going to try and get eight per cent return," says Flood. "Right now you are only paying five per cent to borrow. So you still get three per cent."

Borrowers must pay back the loan within 10 years and the interest is tax deductible.

Once you start a portfolio, it is recommended that you pre-authorize monthly withdrawals. You get better value for your money by investing year-round because you can get stocks when they are low. In February, when many are rushing to do a lump sum investment, stock prices are generally higher, hence a lower return for your dollar.

March 1st is the deadline to qualify for a 2005 tax break, but Ashworth says not to get too caught up with dates. The important thing is to do something about your future. "It's never too late to invest even after the deadline."

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Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. New members must register at least ninety (90) days prior to the date of the meeting. Therefore, to be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting, new memberships must be obtained by March 23rd, 2006.

Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board by submitting in writing a nomination which must be received by the Secretary of the Board by April 30th.

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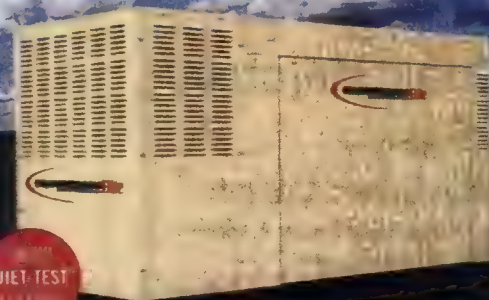
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For almost 17 years now, Fearing has been penning some of the most literate, stirring and emotionally-charged "folk" music on this planet. Couple this with stunning guitar work, and a smooth intimate voice, and you have the elements of the unique performer that is Stephen Fearing.

After a year of touring throughout Canada and the United States, Fearing is back with a new studio album. "That's How I Walk" is the sixth solo album for this four-time Juno nominee, and follow up to the critically lauded "So Many Miles."

Fearing's new work blends a raw, streetwise edge with evocative soul-searching imagery to produce music of quiet passion and depth.

Ranging in subject from love's loss to poverty, from faith to sexuality, Fearing's work taps the full spectrum

of human experience.

Stephen's co-writing experience with Tom Wilson on the Juno award-winning Blackie and the Rodeo Kings album was so liberating for him that he decided to try his hand with other artists, including Wilson, Colin Cripps, Brian den Hertog, and Ian Thornley.

Fearing's songwriting has never been more focused than it is in these 14 new songs. He shared production on "That's How I Walk" with long-time friend and Blackie bandmate Colin Linden, whose studio expertise and musical virtuosity was indispensable.

Tickets are \$20 (\$18 HCFS members, \$15 students) and are available in Haliburton at the York Street Internet Cafe (across from the Rails End Gallery), 457-8880, and in Minden at Golden's Stationers, 108 Main St, 286-2110.

Other upcoming Folk Society concerts include Karen Savoca with Pete Heitzman on April 22 and David Francey with Shane Simpson on May 31. For more information call 705-754-FOLK (3655) or e-mail at hcfsociety@gmail.com.

For information about Stephen Fearing visit: www.stephenfearing.com



Well baby, happy baby

Austin Vince and his mom Jennifer Kelly dropped by the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton for the monthly Well Baby clinic sponsored by the health unit. A nurse was on hand to weigh and measure Austin and answer any of the mothers' questions. The clinics are on the third Thursday of every month.

Scrumptious dinner party a celebration for Carol Duncan

Carol Duncan and her daughters, Heather and Laurel, hosted a supper party at Carol's place on the evening of February 10.

Soup, chili and scrumptious desserts were enjoyed by the 15 present. The guests were the Homemakers and

caregivers over the years for both Ted and Carol, and this lovely gesture was thoroughly appreciated by all. Lois (Boice) Dugan and Grace Boice also attended, Lois providing some of the meal along with "the Duncan girls".

Guilford was represented well in Sunday's Highland Male Chorus in the persons of David Mills, Bill Wark, Ken Goodall and Christopher Chumbley who soloed in the opening number. Christopher's mother, Leslie and grand-

mother, Erma Sisson were both so pleased with this surprise for them. Betty Mills, accompanist, played flawlessly for Melisa and chorus. Ruth Hunt won one of the ticket draws at intermission, she being a supporter of many Guilford events and a regular with her husband, Jim at the Tuesday night Euchre. Ruth's prize was a dinner at Gramma's Fish and Chips in Minden.

World Day of Prayer is at St. George's Anglican church on March 3rd at 7:30

p.m. This year's program has been compiled by the women of South Africa and includes a thought-provoking video and a brief dramatization. All are welcome. This event used to be called the Women's Word Day of Prayer but somewhere along the way men began to be included so it's simply what the title indicates. Two men from Haliburton and two young men from West Guilford make up the male content and Ted Scholtes will be managing the video.

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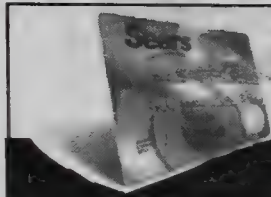
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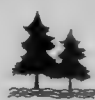
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Wilberforce hosts sweetheart of a bonspiel

The annual Women's Valentine Bonspiel at the Curling Club here is always a fun time. In addition to regular curlers the teams in this spiel often have players who seldom curl, perhaps once a year. Some in this tournament who had never curled previously did learn quickly and enjoyed the play and the camaraderie.

Six teams competed on Feb. 10 and 11, for the Don Fevreau Trophy. Winning it was the team of Melanie Lewis, Cathy Agnew, Nancy Gadway and Karin Hayes with 44.25 points. Placing second was the always competitive team of Angie Jeans, Gerri Waugh, Brenda Berning and Sue Bousfield with 36.25 points. Hot on their heels were Laura Casey, Tammy Vaughan, Jan Dahms and Jill Tallman with 34.50 points.

The Donna Fevreau team from Newmarket, the Clark team and the Waugh team had some good shots and kept the other teams on their toes. The trophy was presented to the winners by Donna Fevreau. All competitors received prizes.

Curlers and the club appreciate the work of those who made the bonspiel possible: Convenor Doug Stephen, score keeper Sally Sterling, Elois Somerville and Roberta Walsh for a guest dinner, and sponsors Curry Motors and Haliburton Lumber for their generous support again this year. To all who helped and to those who played, many thanks.

Coming up on Shrove Tuesday, February 28, is the Pancake Luncheon at St. Margaret's Anglican Church. Partake of pancakes and sausages between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. In addition to regular pancakes, try a corn flapjack, or come back for a blueberry or pumpkin pancake for dessert. Lots of tasty toppings will be available. And all for only five dollars. Enjoy, then begin the diet when Lent starts the next day.

Was the town ever packed over the weekend! In addition to being a good place to stop for food and gas on the snowmobile trails, Wilberforce welcomed many more for the Fred Agnew Memorial Hockey Tournament. Sixteen teams participated Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 18 and 19, for this annual event. Not the Olympics but enthusiastic play by a bunch of guys donning skates to play in memory of a fine young man who loved hockey. Many thanks to Rick Huffman who convened this tournament. Funds raised at this event are always generously donated for improvements to the arena.

Friends and family of Roberta Walsh helped her cele-

brate her birthday on Feb. 13. It's no secret now, Roberta. Having lived sixty years and easing into her seventh decade was made pleasanter when daughters Rhonda of Whistler B.C. and Julie of Guelph and friends surprised her joining daughter Kathy, son-in-law Steve, grandson Michael and husband Max at a special dinner in Haliburton. Then home to a surprise party where many friends dropped in throughout the evening with lots of best wishes for a fine lady. The chocolate fountain was a big hit especially with the birthday girl. Many happy returns, Roberta.

"Funeral Tea", a one act play by Pat Wilson, will be featured at the Highland Grove Recreation Centre on Saturday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 12 at 2 p.m. Playing in this little

farce are Loop Troupers Gerda Goverde, Elsie Lewis, Shirley Riley, Hilda Clark and Margaret Jeske. Flo Elliott is direction the play. They hope audiences will get as many chuckles from it as they have had while releasing it. They also hope Uncle Jacob's ashes will eventually "rest in peace".

In spite of threatening storms on Thursday, February 16, there was a good turnout for "Bring An Ancestor Afternoon" at the Outpost Historic House. Hardy folks brought items and stories of just as hardy ancestors. They included an amazing carved ostrich egg, American Civil War Marine discharge papers, a hand operated bread making machine, a wedding photo from 1907, a photo of an English pub once owned by maternal grandparents and a picture framed in boards from an early Wilberforce home.

Also displayed was a dinner plate once used in a pioneer Wilberforce home, then taken to a homestead in Alberta by a woman who lived to the grand age of 109, and finally returned home to a niece in the village. It was accompanied by a photo of three of the family who certainly ate from that plate in the early 1900s. Stories of the original Agnew General Store included problems with storing hundred pound bags of flour, salt, and feed grain - mice and moisture always a problem.

Memories of past Christmases as a child in the 1920s told of how far a few dollars had to go to give everyone some joy at this special season. Another told of ancestors arriving in Canada in mid winter to be shepherds. Left bag and baggage in a railway siding near Parry Sound they were rescued by a kind family which made up somewhat for having been duped by a long-departed scoundrel who had lured them with grand schemes.

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Hilda Clark

448-2018

Students rehearse speeches

Reviews:

The Valentine dance with Jamie Bacon as D.J. went very well. My wife Valerie Smith became another year older. That would make her somewhat past 21 years old.

Views:

February 21 is our general membership meeting and it starts at 7 P.M.

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Mel Smith

On February 28 the Wilberforce Elementary School Legion speeches will be held at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 11:45 a.m. until 12:50

p.m.

March 2 is the L.A. meeting.

March 4 we are having a karaoke night. Come on out and bring some friends they say singing soothes the soul. I know that those who do come out really have a good time.

March 7 is the executive meeting at 7 p.m.

March 12 is the Legion Breakfast Brunch, from 9 a.m. til noon - don't be late. Adults \$6, children \$3 and children under six years old are free. For this you can have eggs any way you like, sausage, ham, home fries, pancakes, toast, coffee or tea and juice. Plus a lot of smiles and friendly people. So mark this date on your calendar it's something that you don't want to miss.



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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday March 13th, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-005/02
Applicant: David CRAWLEY & Dene MOTTLE
Location of the Property: Pt Lots 4 & 5, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way
2. File No. H-023/02 Revised
Applicant: HOLTICORP INC.
Location of the Property: Pt Lots 26 to 30, Concessions 11 & 12, Geographic Township of Havelock
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
3. File No. H-136/02
Applicant: Joseph ORAVECZ
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 1, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Stanhope
Nature of the Application: New Lot
4. File No. H-131/03 & H-132/03
Applicant: 885024 ONTARIO LTD.
Location of the Property: Pt Lots 11 & 12, Concessions 12 & 13, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: 2 New Lots
5. File No. H-009/04
Applicant: Michael SKALIN
Location of the Property: Pt Lots 33 & 34, Concession 17, Geographic Township of Monmouth
Nature of the Application: New Lot
6. File No. H-033/04
Applicant: W.A.O.I. INVESTMENTS INC.
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 16, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
7. File No. H-052/04
Applicant: Kenneth & Marjorie LEWINS
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 18, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Harcourt
Nature of the Application: New Lot
8. File No. H-088/04
Applicant: Fadia HIJAZI
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 15, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Monmouth
Nature of the Application: New Lot & Right-of-way
9. File No. H-124/04 Revised & H-125/04 Revised
Applicant: K.O.B. North Lake Holdings
Location of the Property: Pt Lots 19 & 20, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Dudley
Nature of the Application: 2 New Lots & Rights-of-way
10. File No. H-138/04
Applicant: 1017546 ONTARIO INC.
Location of the Property: Pt Lots 29 & 30, Concessions 11 & 12, Geographic Township of Guilford
Nature of the Application: New Lot & Right-of-way
11. File No. H-100/05
Applicant: Cheryl HICKS
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 10, Concession 9, Geographic Township of Stanhope
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
12. File No. H-101/05
Applicant: Bruce & Cheryl HICKS
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 10, Concession 9, Geographic Township of Stanhope
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
13. File No. H-102/05
Applicant: Shane & Linda SISSON
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 11 & Lot 12, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Guilford
Nature of the Application: New Lot & Right-of-way
14. File No. H-154/05
Applicant: Alan & Norma BUNN
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 9, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Glamorgan
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
15. File No. H-002/06
Applicant: Anne SWAN
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 23, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Guilford
Nature of the Application: Easement
16. File No. H-003/06
Applicant: Judith JOHNSTON
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 23, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Guilford
Nature of the Application: Easement
17. File No. H-011/06
Applicant: HARCOURT PARK INC.
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 11, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Harcourt
Nature of the Application: Lease
18. File No. H-016/06
Applicant: Daniel & Lisa JENKINS
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 3, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Harcourt
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way
19. File No. H-017/06
Applicant: William & Dorothy HANSEN
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 3, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Harcourt
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way
20. File No. H-018/06
Applicant: Susan & Aryn PONGRATZ
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 3, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Harcourt
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way
21. File No. H-019/06
Applicant: John & Joanne DE VRIES
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 3 & 4, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Harcourt
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 21st day of February, 2006.

Jane M. Tousaw, A.M.C.T.
Development Services Coordinator/Planner
County of Haliburton
11 Newcastle Street, P.O. Box 399
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
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On Tuesday the 14th, six members of your Legion visited the Haliburton Community Funeral Home to say our farewells to a veteran. We were the only people in attendance besides the minister and the funeral directors. This seemed so tragic. Not one member of the family was there. I'm sure they had good reasons not to show up and we were proud to provide a send off for this gentleman.

It really made me stop and think about life and death. How terrible to die alone, with no one to hold your hand and say goodbye. Hold on to your loved ones and close friends.

On a happier note, Elvis is returning to your Legion on the last Saturday of this month. He will be in the clubroom entertaining and bring his won personal styling and impersonations along with him. Come and see and hear for yourselves. It is a very entertaining show.

Gerald Irish
457-2571

Another successful Sunday Brunch was held on the 19th. These brunches are still popular and still attract a

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

DATE: Tuesday, March 7th, 2006
TIME: 11:00 am.
LOCATION: Council Chambers at the Municipal Office,
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-05-030 – Barbara Joy MacDonald

- **Purpose and Effect:** to legally recognize the location of an illegal private cabin and shed.
 - Permit a private cabin to be located in a front yard.
 - Permit 3 accessory buildings to be located on a lot.
 - Reduce the minimum water setback for a private cabin to 60 feet.
 - Reduce the minimum water setback for a shed to 19 feet.
- **Location:** Part Lot 8, Concession 13, Lot 15, Plan 386, Guilford Township (2574 Wilkinson Road).

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by Counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Note: By-law 2005-120, as amended is a new Comprehensive Zoning By-law for the Municipality of Dysart et al, passed by Council on December 12th, 2005. Once By-law 2005-120, as amended is in full force and effect, it will replace the current Comprehensive Zoning By-law, By-law 77-32, as amended. Until that time, by-law amendments and minor variances must be passed to both zoning by-laws.

Date: February 20th, 2006

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All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of JOHN BOYD MUISE, late, of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 10th day of February 2006, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 14th day of March 2006.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Estate Trustee of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice.

DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 17th day of February 2006. RAYMOND G. SELBIE, Barrister, Solicitor, P.O. Box 186, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0. CA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

In the matter of the Estate of DOROTHY J. MCKNIGHT, deceased. All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of DOROTHY J. MCKNIGHT, late of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 10th day of August, 2000, are required to file the particulars of such claims with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 30th day of March, 2006.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last day named, the assets of the said Estate, will be distributed among the persons hereto entitled having regard only to the claims of which the Executor for the Estate being Ira Robertson, shall have notice.

DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 16th day of February, 2006 by BISHOP AND ROGERS, Barristers and Solicitor, P.O. Box 472, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0.

Solicitor for the Executor of the Estate of Dorothy J. McKnight. CA

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In the matter of the Estate of KENNETH CYRUS MCKNIGHT, deceased. All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of KENNETH CYRUS MCKNIGHT, late of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 26th day of September, 2002, are required to file the particulars of such claims with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 30th day of March, 2006.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE ERIKA DOROTHEA LINA BOLDT

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of ERIKA DOROTHEA LINA BOLDT, late, of the Township of Guilford, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 7th day of December 2005, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 14th day of March 2006.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Estate Trustee of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice.

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THANK YOU - Hyland Crest Staff, Dr. Roos, family, friends, neighbours, prayers, calls, cards, flowers, food and other acts of kindness. UCW, Irene & helpers, Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, Kirsten, Barry & staff. Gartshore Family. CA

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HUNTER, S. DENNIS - In loving memory of a dear son, brother and uncle who passed away Feb. 21, 2002.

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LITTLE, DONALD - In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather and great grandfather who was taken from us far too soon on February 25, 1988.

You touched so many people In a special kind of way, Family, friends and others Each and every day. Sadly missed along life's way, But in our hearts, you will always be there. Lovingly remembered by **The Family.**

460 OBITUARIES

AT REST

DOUG CARPENTER

Passed away at the Haliburton Hospital on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 after a lengthy illness. At the age of 68.

Beloved husband of Barbara Elizabeth Carpenter (nee Burk) for over 47 years. Dear father of Mike and Deb, Jeff and Leanne, Greg and Lisa, Lorraine and Butch Manary. Loving grandfather of Michelle (Oliver), Adam, Ben, Jennifer, Chad, Jessica, Derek, Mathew, Nicole, and step-grandfather of Emily, Roch and John Henry. Dear brother of Wanda (Pete) Robinson, Ivan, (Jean) Carpenter, Fern (Roger) Bellwood, Albert (Judy) Carpenter and brother-in-law of Jean Dart, Ron and Ann Burk, Helen Burk, and John Magee. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden (or on line at www.gordon-monkfuneralhome.com) on Friday, February 17, 2006 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Cremation has taken place. Memorial donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary or the Minden Health Care Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family. CA

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- Feb. 21:** The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info, please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- Feb. 22:** Register for Next Prenatal Class. Free classes offered throughout the year by the Health Unit to help expectant parents prepare for baby's arrival. Call 457-1391 for more details.
- Feb. 23:** Caregiving can be stressful and lonely. If you are caring for an individual with a life-threatening illness or Alzheimer's disease, we can help. SIRCH Community Hospice in partnership with the Alzheimer's Society provides a Caregiver's Support Group on Feb. 23 at 10:00 a.m. at Community Care in Haliburton.. This group meets monthly to give caring support, share information, education, and caregiving tips and techniques. For further information, please call Dorothy Owens at SIRCH Community Hospice, 457-1742 ext. 36.
- Feb. 25:** Winter Family Fun Night - Sat., Feb. 25, 7 to 9 p.m. Free Family Fun - Horse drawn sleigh rides, tobogganing, ice skating, winter games, hot dogs, hot chocolate, bonfire and much more. Minden Fairgrounds, Bobcaygeon Rd. For more info contact the Township at 286-1260 ext. 215.
- Feb. 25:** Ron Barr presents The Late Gordon Barr Historic Picture Collection, Saturday, Feb. 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Gooderham Community Centre. Admission fee. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by: Gooderham Community Action Group.
- Feb. 25:** A Pocketful of Tales - Storytelling workshop with Liz Gilmour. For caregivers, teachers and others working with young children. Learn a variety of ways to present stories, songs, rhymes and poetry. Sat., Feb. 25th at 10:30 at the Ontario Early Years Centre Minden. Call 286-1770 for cost and to register.
- Feb. 25:** Kinmount Winterfest. Pancake breakfast and Country raffle (Community Centre), 8 to 11 a.m. Kinmount fairgrounds: Sleigh rides, outdoor baseball tournament, (call 488-2000 to register your team), Kid/Parent hockey game, 12:00 at the arena, etc. Evening dance at the Community Centre. Call 488-9954 for cost, tickets and info.
- Feb. 26:** Fun day at YMCA Wanakita from 1-5. Everyone welcome. The address is 1883 Koshlong Lake Road in Haliburton. For more info call 457-2132 or check our website www.ymcawanakita.on.ca
- Feb. 26:** 3rd Annual Minden Hills Fire Department Fishing Derby, Sun., Feb. 26, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Entry Fee, Pigeon Lake (off Deep Bay Road) Lots of prizes! For more info. contact the Fire Department at 286-1202.
- Feb. 26:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Campbell's Flowers & Gifts.
- Feb. 27:** "Men's Coffee and Conversation" grief support group. Drop by for coffee and conversation from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at 112 McLaughlin Rd. Lindsay. Call Palliative Care Victoria at 324-2811 for information.
- Feb. 28:** from 5 to 7 p.m., St. George's ACW Pancake Supper will be held at the Haliburton Legion. Adults: \$5.00, Children 6-12: \$3.50, Family: \$15.00, Children under 6: Free.
- Feb. 28:** "CrossRoads" grief support group for the newly bereaved from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. at 112 McLaughlin Rd., Lindsay. Call Palliative Care Victoria at 324-2811 for information.
- Feb. 28:** St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Wilberforce - Pancake Luncheon with Sausages and a variety of toppings. Tues., Feb. 28, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

ON-GOING EVENTS

- First Friday of every month:** Open Mike Nite at the Dominion Hotel, Main St. in Minden. Starts at 8 p.m. Local performers needed; musical, comedy, magic, poets, etc. *Next Open Mike is Friday, March 3rd.* Call 286-6954 or 286-5035 to book your act.
- Now until May 29/06:** Adult Badminton - Mondays 8 to 10 p.m. Starting Sept. 19 to May 29, 2006 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Join us for fun, fellowship, and fitness. Phone 286-1765 for further info.
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- Attention All Dads:** Have an adventure with your child this Saturday and visit the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton. Fathers who drop by enjoy building castles in the construction zone and creating masterpieces in the art room. We are open Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please call 457-2989.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or brought in to the office. Also, please make sure you have a contact phone number in your event. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.** **NOTE:** This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.

THE DEADLINE FOR COMMUNITY CALENDAR is Thursday at 5 p.m.

Put the Classifieds to work for you!



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INVESTMENT PROPERTY

Fantastic in-town location. 3 commercial store front spaces, 1-3 bdrm house, 2-2 bdrm apartments and 1 bachelor apartment. Many upgrades and renovations compliment this charming heritage building.

\$489,000



HALIBURTON HOME

2 storey, 3 bedroom home ideally located in town. Walk to all amenities. Main floor laundry, laminated flooring, open concept kitchen, dining and living room area. Quiet side porch, nice gardens, drilled well, sewers, many upgrades.

\$114,900



Julie Gray*
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exts. 230 & 237

COMMERCIAL HALIBURTON

Building and land only. Main street of Haliburton village, a thriving resort destination, across from municipal dock, parking lot and Head Lake Park. 4,912 sq ft bldg space incl. office lge finished showrm, spacious eat-in kitchen & cafeteria space. 2nd storey space, heated workshops, lge 3 bay garage +3 washrms. Municipal sewer, new oil tank, 3 phase hydro.

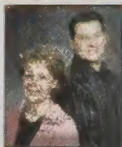
\$399,000



INCOME PROPERTY, HALIBURTON VILLAGE

Building and land only. Busy commercial property offers best in location in Haliburton village across from Head Lake, municipal dock and public park. 6,635' structure has 4 office or retail entrances at street level, 2-2 bedroom & 2-1 bedroom apts. which are fully occupied. There are a total of 14 parking spaces @ street level & the rear of upper level. Excellent opportunity to own an income property!

\$419,000



Ken Barry* &
Deb Deremo*
457-1011
exts. 228 & 232

DEEDED ACCESS TO KUSHOG

Recently finished 2 bdrm cottage on 20 acres shows to perfection! Bright & cheery open concept w/wood laminate flooring & airtight wood stove. Property has rolling terrain, hilltop views & deeded big lake access. It might just be the affordable retreat you've been looking for!

\$149,900



KASHAGAWIGAMOG

3 bdrm cottage on prestigious 5-lake chain. Cozy ambience with hardwood flooring, updated kitchen, wood stove, attached sun room. Detached bunkie to accommodate guests, oversized dock at water's edge, mature trees & a south-west exposure are the perfect compliment to lakeside enjoyment.

\$279,900



Cathy Lancia*
754-4242

CHARMING

3 bedroom 4 season log cottage. Water access property. No winter water, but well insulated and cozy for warmth and convenience. Several out-buildings included. Lobo, generator, canoe, aluminum boat and motor, log splitter and many other extras and tools. Fully equipped to move in and enjoy. Sauna, septic & water system all work well. Gently sloping lot with lovely view of Redpine Lake.

\$239,700



NEW WATERFRONT LOT ON BIG REDSTONE LAKE

150 ft of clean rock and sand frontage. .82 acres. Open view up the lake. Algonquin-style lot with great privacy and eastern exposure. Year round access.

\$239,700



Geoff Bunn*
457-1011
ext. 242

176 ACRE RETREAT

Located minutes from the town of Haliburton. This 3 bedroom home/cottage sits close to the shoreline of Bonham Lake. The cottage is full of old country charm w/wood interior & cathedral ceilings. For more information call Geoff Bunn.

\$599,000



Rick Lowes*
286-2911
ext. 47

KUSHOG LAKE - NEW PRICE!

Custom built executive three bedroom cottage/home. Loads of extras, including bass boat, paddle boat and ski boat. Call now!

\$354,900



Fred Chapple*
286-2911
ext. 43

CLOSE TO MINDEN

4 bedroom bungalow on 1.3 acre landscaped lot. Upgraded hydro, oil furnace & tank, drilled well, with A/C. Full basement. Terrific starter or retirement home. Call Fred Chapple or Bill Kulas.

\$124,500



A GREAT RENTAL OPPORTUNITY

Here is your chance to own a home which boasts "old-world charm", 4 bedrooms + lots of room to roam. Has commercial C-1 zoning - start your own home business.

\$124,900



Karen Nimigon*
457-1011
ext. 224

MOORE LAKE

Charming country 4 season waterfront cottage/home. Wood walls, cathedral ceiling, well designed kitchen. Sunken living room w/wood stove & w/o to deck, full basement, single car garage & workshop, 3-lake chain, sand shoreline, cedar dock & easy access to snowmobile trails. Why wish & wait? Call Karen today to view.

\$319,000



Victor Disik*
286-2911
ext. 45

WANTED

I currently have customers who are actively looking to buy a year-round lakefront home/cottage on Bob, Little Bob or North Pigeon Lakes. If you are planning to sell or know of a neighbour who is, please call Victor Disik at 1-705-286-2911.



Elizabeth Thompson*
457-1011
ext. 248

NEGAUNEE LAKE

Charming, spacious 2 bedroom cottage with 4 pc bath; gentle sloping lot with great privacy; oak kitchen; fireplace in living room; enclosed pine sun porch and decks; loads of windows; good swimming; no motor lake; boat launch to Miskabi Lake nearby. Call Elizabeth for showing.

\$199,900



REDSTONE LAKE

Relax by roaring fire in one of 2 fireplaces in this beautiful custom-designed open concept home/cottage on prestigious Redstone. Spacious rooms with lots of windows; custom kitchen & new appliances; attractively finished. 165 ft. sandy shoreline, miles of boating. Please call Elizabeth for showing.

\$685,000



Vince Duchene**
457-1011
ext. 225

\$139,900

Great 3 bdrm family or retirement home located 15 minutes east of Haliburton on Hwy. #118. This home also features 2 baths, finished rec room with w/o as well as a w/o off the dining room to back deck, large, private backyard and more. Call today for viewing!



Ted Vasey*
457-1011
ext. 223

REDSTONE LAKE

New waterfront home with 3570 sq ft of living space. Open concept with cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, 2 stone fireplaces, custom design kitchen, master bdrm ensuite, elegant decor, 4 bdrms, main floor laundry, w/o FR, sand shoreline, sunsets, year-round road.

ASKING \$685,000



MINDEN - BOBCAYGEON ROAD

Like new 3 bdrm raised bungalow, 1196 sq ft, maple kitchen, hardwood floors, master bdrm ensuite, main floor laundry, w/o bsmt, some small finishing touches needed.

ASKING \$179,000



Lenor Fulton*
286-2911
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Tracy Ackertblade*
286-2911
exts. 23 & 46

SERVICE STATION IN GOODERHAM

This commercial property, zoned C1, is a great opportunity to be your own boss. It boasts a 3-bay garage complete with a hoist and tools to run your own automotive business. Also incl. in the purchase price is a 2 bedroom home with new basement windows and a new oil furnace. Please call Tracy or Lenor.

\$349,900



Melanie Vigars*
286-2911
ext. 40

SOLD

DAVIS LAKE ROAD

Two lots (6.9 acres and 6.1 acres) on year round Township road with hydro at lot line and backing onto crown land. Call Melanie for details.

\$16,900/each



Linda Beachli***
457-1011
ext. 227

EXECUTIVE FITNESS CLUB

Home operated upscale and fully equipped fitness business including all the equipment, luxurious home complete with inground pool. Ideal semi-retirement home and business.

\$699,000



LEGAL DUPLEX

Sunny & bright legal duplex offers lots of options. 3 bdrms up and 1 bdrm down all on a quiet cul-de-sac near the hospital and schools. Live here and bring the in-laws or enjoy rental income from one or both units.

\$199,900



Peter Brady**
457-1011
ext. 234

LODGE/FAMILY RESORT

Lodge 9,800 sq ft manager's residence, 11 guest cabins, tennis courts, 650 ft waterfront with 40 acres, ideal family compound. Viewing by appointment.

\$1,250,000



COMMERCIAL

Located just south of Minden on the major highway heading north, this location offers a production shop, storage shop, administration area with out building all on more than 10 acres of multiple zoned parcels of property.

\$695,000

